

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): An interlabial pad, comprising:

a main sheet body comprising:

a water permeable surface sheet facing a body side; and

a water permeable backing sheet facing a garment ~~[[an opposite]]~~ side opposite to ~~[[of]]~~ the body side, the surface sheet and the backing sheet ~~being bonded to each other~~ enclosing a first absorber for absorbing body fluid,

wherein the surface sheet and the backing sheet of the main sheet body each have longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the surface sheet being directly bonded to one ~~[[each]]~~ of the longitudinal side edges of the backing sheet, ~~[[respectively,]]~~ at ~~[[each]]~~ a respective one of the opposite ends; and

a substantially planar shaped sub-sheet body comprising:

a water permeable surface sheet facing the body side; and

either a water permeable or non-permeable backing sheet facing the ~~[[a]]~~ garment side, the surface sheet and the backing sheet ~~being bonded to each other~~ enclosing a second absorber for absorbing body fluid,

wherein the surface sheet and the backing sheet of the sub-sheet body each have longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the surface sheet being directly bonded to one ~~[[each]]~~ of the longitudinal side edges of the backing sheet, ~~[[respectively,]]~~ at ~~[[each]]~~ a respective one of the opposite ends,

wherein the main sheet body comprises an elongated convex area formed along a longitudinal direction of the surface sheet of the main body so that a substantial center area of the surface sheet of the main body in a lateral direction is formed convex towards the body side,

wherein the elongated convex area has a hollow part with a substantially triangular shape in a lateral cross section, and two ends in the longitudinal direction, at least one of the two ends forming a finger insertion opening through which a finger is insertable into the hollow part, [[and]]

wherein the main sheet body and the sub-sheet body each have longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the main sheet body being bonded to one [[each]] of the longitudinal side edges of the sub-sheet body, [[respectively,]] at [[each]] a respective one of the opposite ends, and

wherein the main sheet body and the sub-sheet body are not directly bonded to each other, other than at the each of the longitudinal side edges.

Claims 2-4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (currently amended): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, further comprising a mini sheet piece fixed on the backing sheet of the sub-sheet body, [[which faces]] facing the garment side, the mini sheet piece forming a finger insertion opening between the backing sheet and the mini sheet piece,

wherein the mini-sheet piece has longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the mini sheet piece being bonded to each of the longitudinal side edges of the backing sheet, respectively, at each of the opposite ends.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein the elongated convex area includes a bent portion formed by bending the main sheet body.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The interlabial pad according to claim 1,
wherein the triangular shape of the elongated convex area of the main sheet body has a top and a bottom, the top being a vertex of the triangular shape and positioned closer to the body side,
wherein a longitudinal length at the top is shorter than a longitudinal length at the bottom,
and

wherein each [[both]] of the two ends of the elongated convex area has an opening with ~~have~~
~~openings each of which has edges~~ that are inwardly sloped ~~with a slope angle~~, in relation to a
direction perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the surface sheet, from the bottom to the top
of the triangular shape of the elongated convex area .

Claim 8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein a lateral cross sectional area of the elongated convex area is at least 1 cm².

a water permeable backing sheet facing a garment ~~[[an opposite]]~~ side
opposite to ~~[[of]]~~ the body side, the surface sheet and the backing sheet being bonded
to each other enclosing a first absorber for absorbing body fluid; and
a sub-sheet body comprising:

a water permeable surface sheet facing the body side; and
either a water permeable or non-permeable backing sheet facing the ~~[[a]]~~
garment side, the surface sheet and the backing sheet being bonded to each other
enclosing a second absorber for absorbing body fluid,

wherein the main sheet body comprises an elongated convex area formed along a
longitudinal direction of the surface sheet so that a substantial center area of the surface sheet in a
lateral direction is formed convex towards the body side,

wherein the elongated convex area has a hollow part with a substantially triangular shape in
a lateral cross section, and two ends in the longitudinal direction, at least one of the two ends
forming a finger insertion opening through which a finger is insertable into the hollow part,

wherein the main sheet body and the sub-sheet body each have longitudinal side edges at
opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the main sheet body
being directly bonded to one ~~[[each]]~~ of the longitudinal side edges of the sub-sheet body,
~~[[respectively,]]~~ at ~~[[each]]~~ a respective one of the opposite ends,

wherein the main sheet body and the sub-sheet body are not directly bonded to each other,
other than at the each of the longitudinal side edges, and

wherein the interlabial pad is contained in the wrapping container for individual wrapping.

Claims 15-17 (canceled).

Claim 18 (currently amended): The interlabial pad according to claim 5, wherein a
[[total]] circumference [[of]] inside the finger insertion opening formed between [with] the backing
sheet of the sub-sheet body and a surface of the mini sheet piece that faces the backing sheet of the
sub-sheet body is within a range of 40 mm to 80 mm.